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The vulgar language and expletives should not be allowed on TV because they are not within the accepted norms and/or mores of today's society (yet...thankfully).

The question is, who determines what words are offensive? If a commission defined those offensive words, *and provided acceptable alternatives*, then it seems to me that the FCC *could* ban certain words without violating anyone's First Amendment rights. Or, at the very least, the FCC could require the program to display a 5-second message at the beginning of the show and after every commercial break with a warning.

As for the nudity issue, it should not be compared to expletives at all. Those are two totally separate issues. The one is a matter of freedom of speech under the First Amendment. The other is most definitely *not* an issue that is protected by the Constitution. It's indecent exposure, plain and simple. There are beaches where women can go topless or people can go nude, but they can't roam the streets that way, or they'll be arrested. Let the sleazy programmers have special channels for that stuff, but don't let them roam the living rooms of America.

Our families and children are continuously assaulted by unscrupulous advertisers and networks. Please do not enable them to expand that assault.

Thank you